

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

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An apparatus and method for disassembling a container having sections joined at sealed thermoplastic joining surfaces, such as toner cartridges, by cutting between the joined sections with a computer controlled laser beam, the beam being variable in intensity and/or in speed of travel along the joining surfaces. The technique may be applied to other articles, such as inkjet cartridges and any thermoplastic container that should be opened with precision.